UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: December 29, 1967

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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. Rozamus
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

FROM: G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
JUNE

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval is a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting a telephone surveillance of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, in an effort to obtain intelligence of their plans for massive civil disobedience in the Nation's Capitol and 10 to 15 cities throughout the United States in the Spring of 1968.

BACKGROUND:

On December 13, 1967, you approved an airtel which was directed to Atlanta Office requesting them to conduct a survey as to the feasibility of instituting a secure telephone surveillance of SCLC's headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia. By communication dated December 20, 1967, Atlanta recommends installation and advises it can be accomplished with full security.

OBSERVATIONS:

Since SCLC's President, Martin Luther King, Jr., has urged massive civil disobedience throughout the country in an effort to spur Congress into action to help the plight of the Negro, it is felt that we need this installation to obtain racial intelligence information

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concerning their plans. King has warned that these massive demonstrations may result in riots. Because of this, we should be in a position to obtain intelligence so that appropriate countermeasures can be taken to protect the internal security of the United States. Currently there are 52 telephone surveillances in operation. Thirty-four of those are in Bureau cases and 18 have been installed at the written request of the State Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached communication be directed to the Attorney General for his approval.

A. G. will not approve, but believe we should go on record.